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Commissioner George P. Bush Releases 2020 Texas Energy Map

Highlighting Texas' comprehensive approach to energy production

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AUSTIN — Today, Dec. 8, 2020, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush released a newly updated, interactive Texas Energy Map. Commissioner Bush dedicated 2020 as the year of energy with the goal of bringing the topic to the forefront of the state's discussions. The commissioner spent the year meeting virtually with Texas high school students to discuss the state's energy economy and the importance of conservation. "There is no doubt that Texas' economy is based on oil and gas. However, Texas has embraced an all-of-the-above energy approach, embracing our God-given natural resources while encouraging conservation and driving clean energy innovation," said Commissioner George P. Bush. "This unique, comprehensive approach has brought Texas to the forefront as an international energy producer. Texas leads the nation in innovation without government intervention, and our energy sector is no different."

The interactive Texas Energy Map showcases the state's oil and gas leases on the 13 million acres of land and mineral rights the GLO oversees on behalf of the Permanent School Fund (PSF). Additionally, the updated map breaks down the state's abundant supply of natural resources, including wind, solar, natural gas, hard minerals, and liquified natural gas. The new map is a detailed resource for our energy producers and those interested in learning about all that Texas has to offer across the energy spectrum. Of note, the 2020 map features an update to Texas' pipeline system and explores the generation of wind energy across the state, a sector in which Texas leads the nation. In each section, visitors can zoom in and out to explore the map and learn about significant energy-related events throughout Texas history.

An interactive high school economics lesson plan using the 2020 Energy map can be found on the GLO's education website.

The Energy Map is available for viewing on the <u>GLO's website</u> and purchase through the GLO Map Store. Commissioner Bush, a former history teacher and oil and gas man, released his first energy map in 2015 as part of the storied Land Commissioner tradition.